

**MINUTES OF THE YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE**  
**133rd GRAND COUNCIL SESSION**  
**RENO, NEVADA**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2018**

**Opening Ceremonies**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. in the Convention Center Meeting Room of the El Dorado Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

Bill Avery #80, GM, reported on the readiness of the Grand Council chambers. He stated that the meeting chamber was properly prepared and all present were entitled to remain.

The Opening Prayer was led by Father Agnel De Heredia #32, GC.

All delegates were asked to stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Avery #80, GM.

**Roll Call**

Grand Secretary Michael Amato #613 called the Roll. The Roll Call of the 133rd Grand Council was updated to reflect those in attendance and those not on the roll at the time of printing. The following represents attendance for each day of the Session.

**133rd Grand Council Session Roll Call by Council**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	
		6/19/18	6/20/18

**San Francisco Council #1 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1883**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Initiation</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Attendance</i>
		6/19/18	6/20/18
Br. Jack Albrecht, Grand Treasurer	01-22-1957	Present	Present
Br. Edward DeLaTorre, PGP	07-28-1953	Excused	Excused
Br. Carl Franke, PGP	08-07-1957	Excused	Excused
Br. Mario DeVita, Council Elected Delegate	10-06-1982	Present	Present

**San Jose Council #2 ~ San Jose, CA ~ Organized 1885**

Br. Frank Hepburn, Past Grand President & DDGP	11-09-1982	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Rotolo, Council Elected Delegate	06-01-2013	Present	Present
Br. Richard O'Brien, Council Elected Delegate	07-23-2010	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del
Br. Lewis Borg, Council Elected Delegate	02-03-2009	Present	Present
Rev. Paolo Gobbo, Council Chaplain	06-01-2013	Excused	Present

**Stockton Council #5 ~ Stockton, CA ~ Organized 1885**

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**American Council #8 ~ Oakland, CA ~ Organized 1885**

Br. Alex Schmitt, PGD & DDGP	11-12-2002	Present	Present
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**Vallejo Council #13 ~ Vallejo, CA ~ Organized 1885**

Br. James Mullen, Council Elected Delegate	12-13-1983	Present	Present
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**South San Francisco Council #32 ~ South San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1946**

Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia, Grand Chaplain	06-14-2001	Present	Present
Br. George Terry, Past Grand President	10-15-1993	Present	Present
Br. Thomas Fourie, PGP	08-14-1986	Present	Present
Br. Philip Oberst, PGP	10-12-1972	Present	Present
Br. Richard Guaraldi, PGP	02-13-1975	Present	Present
Br. John West, PGP	03-12-1992	Excused	Excused
Br. Bob Bartoli, PGP	06-11-1992	Present	Present
Br. John Musgrove, PGP	05-12-1994	Excused	Excused
Br. Paul Larson, Council Elected Delegate	12-09-2010	Present	Present
Br. Larry Andreatta, Grand Outside Sentinel	11-09-1989	Present	Present
Br. Paul Walsh, Grand Director	09-14-1989	Excused	Excused
Br. Steve Cresci, Grand Director	05-02-1990	Present	Present
Br. Larry Andreatta, Council Elected Delegate	11-09-1989	Present	Present
Br. Danny Dong, Council Elected Delegate	06-11-1992	Present	Excused

**Santa Rosa Council #40 ~ Santa Rosa, CA ~ Organized 1954**

Br. Bill McNeany, Council Elected Delegate	06-14-1980	Present	Present
Br. Steve May, DDGP	11-04-1997	Present	Present
Br. Angel Vera, Council Elected Delegate	10-06-2009	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del

**Holy Rosary Council #44 ~ Hilmar, CA ~ Organized 1951**

Br. Manuel Drumonde, PGP & GD	04-18-1974	Present	Present
Br. Kelly Cox, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	02-05-1987	Present	Present
Br. Christopher Freeberg, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	08-03-1989	Present	Present
Br. Virgil Pacheco, Council Elected Delegate	05-28-1998	Present	Present

**Sebastopol Council #54 ~ Sebastopol, CA ~ Organized 1923**

Br. Nick Franceschine, Grand Outside Sentinel	06-11-1986	Present	Present
Br. Domenic Carinalli, Grand Inside Sentinel	02-09-1966	Present	Present
Br. George Guy, Council Elected Delegate	12-12-1980	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del
Br. Charles Wallin, Council Elected Delegate	02-11-1998	Present	Present

**Sadoc Council #59 ~ Pittsburg, CA ~ Organized 1926**

Br. Michael Sanzeri, DDGP	04-01-1997	Present	Present
Br. Salvatore Enea, PGP	10-19-1948	Excused	Excused
Br. Frank Di Maggio, PGP	11-07-1989	Present	Present

**Madera Council #60 ~ Madera, CA ~ Organized 1927**

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**St. Christopher Council #80 ~ Atwater, CA ~ Organized 1935**

Br. William Effinger III, PGD & Council Elected Delegate	02-23-2005	Present	Present
Br. Billy Pimentel, Council Elected Delegate	10-26-1964	Present	Present
Br. Mike Nelson, Grand President	05-22-1996	Present	Present
Br. Matt Nelson, Grand Director	06-2-2004	Present	Present
Br. Bill Avery, Grand Marshal	08-25-2010	Present	Present
Br. Bill Walls, Grand Director	08-25-2010	Present	Present
Br. Steve Ortiz, Council Elected Delegate	10-22-2003	Present	Present
Br. Gary Frago, Council Elected Delegate	12-19-2001	Present	Present

**Manteca Council #88 ~ Manteca, CA ~ Organized 1947**

Br. Jerry DeGroot, PGP	11-21-1967	Excused	Excused
Br. Panteleon Padron, PGP	10-15-1985	Excused	Excused

**Tracy Council #92 ~ Tracy, CA ~ Organized 1940**

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**St. Columba Council #94 ~ Chowchilla, CA ~ Organized 1941**

Br. Mike Thissen, Grand Second Vice President	03-01-1983	Present	Present
Br. Eugene Espinola, DDGP	12-02-1981	Present	Present

**Dos Palos Council #99 ~ Dos Palos, CA ~ Organized 1946**

Br. Carrell Fonseca, Council Elected Delegate	05-14-1991	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del	Present 1 <sup>st</sup> time del
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**Bakersfield Council #100 ~ Bakersfield, CA ~ Organized 1946**

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**Our Lady of the Pines Council #137 ~ Pioneer, CA ~ Organized 2009**

Br. Phil Fondale, PGD & DDGP	10-17-1989	Present	Present
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**St. Augustine Council #497 ~ Huntingburg, Indiana ~ Organized 1898**

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**Francis Council #573 ~ Hilo, Hawaii ~ Organized 1901**

Br. James Mullen, PGP	11-10-1966	Present	Present
Br. Thomas Figueira, Council Elected Delegate	03-09-1979	Present	Present

**Gonzaga Council #612 ~ Richmond, Indiana ~ Organized 1907**

Br. Jim Rohe, Council Elected Delegate	07-09-1980	Present	Present
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**St. John Bosco Council #613 ~ San Francisco, CA ~ Organized 1908**

Br. Michael Amato, Grand Secretary	09-14-2004	Present	Present
Br. Michael Dimech, JPGP	11-28-2006	Excused	Excused
Br. Richard Pisciotta, Council Elected Delegate	11-08-1960	Present	Present
Br. Cosmo Amato, DDGP	01-27-1970	Present	Present
Br. Bob Fiorito, Grand Director	05-08-2007	Present	Present
Br. David Burbank, Council Elected Delegate	03-4-2017	Present	Present
Br. Joseph Soracco, Council Elected Delegate	04-13-2010	Present	Present
Br. John Kavanagh, Grand Director	11-12-2018	Excused	Excused
Fr. Joseph Landi, Chaplain & Council Elected Delegate	03-12-2013	Present	Present

**Communications**

The following communications were read by Michael Amato #613, GS:

- Several letters from Brothers asking to be excused from attending this Grand Council Session due to poor health or work responsibilities: Brother John Kavanagh #613, GD; Brother Mike Dimech #613, JPGP; Brother John Musgrove #32, PGP; Brother Pete Padron #88, PGP; Brother Jerry DeGroot #88, PGP; Brother Ed DeLaTorre #1, PGP; Brother Carl Franke #1, PGP; and Brother John West #32, PGP.
- Br. Bob Bartoli #32 PGP presented Brother Daniel Dong #32 with his 25 year pin as Br. Dong lives in the Reno area.

- Br. Jim Mullen #573, PGP distributed a condolence card to the Brothers to sign for the recently deceased wife of Brother Sal Enea #59, PGP.

### **Opening Remarks and Special Committees**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, made a few opening remarks to the delegates and then reviewed the appointment of Special Committees.

- Assistant to the Grand Secretary – Tom Fourie #32, PGP
- Parliamentarian – Christopher Freeberg #44, PGD
- Elections – Jim Rohe #612 & Tommy Figueira #573
- Remembrance Ceremony – Tom Fourie #32, PGP

### **Rules of the Session**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, referred to the Rules of the Grand Council Session on page 17 of the Advance Proceedings. He expressed hope that all had read the Rules, however, since there were first time delegates present, he asked that the Grand Secretary, Michael Amato #613, to read the Rules aloud. Following the reading, the Grand President asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he entertained a motion to accept the Rules.

**MSC** – Phil Oberst #32, PGP/Michael Sanzeri #59, DDGP – to accept the Rules of the 133rd Grand Council Session as presented. Passed unanimously

### **Unfinished Business**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, asked the Grand Secretary if there was any unfinished business from the 132nd Grand Council Session. Michael Amato #613, GS, answered there was none.

At this time Grand President Mike Nelson #80, appointed the following Brothers to fill in the unoccupied seats of Grand Council:

- Brothers Kelly Cox #80, PGD and Steve Ortiz, #80, to the Board of Grand Director.
- Brother Gary Frago #80 to the seat of the Grand First Vice President.

### **Credentials**

The Credentials Committee chairman, Michael Amato #613, GS, reported that in attendance were 52 delegates thus far, all of whom had submitted their credentials in proper order. Last year (2017) there were 58 credentials submitted.

### **Charity Box**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, designated the Santa Rosa Council #40 Fire Relief Effort for the receipt of funds from the Charity Box (one half the proceeds from each of the 50/50 raffles).

### **Session Announcements**

Grand Council Session Committee representative, Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, welcomed everyone on behalf of the Committee and encouraged all participants to have a good time. He mentioned that there was one error on page 23 of the Advance Proceedings referencing item #22. He also reminded all present that the restrooms were located at the top of the escalator, one floor up.

### **Grand Chaplain's Report**

Rev. Agnel Jose De Heredia #32, GC, welcomed everyone to the Grand Council Session and extended Father's Day greetings to all present. His presentation is summarized below:

- He told a story about a silent child who was thinking. Youth today are so busy texting and focused on modern communications.
- Too often we are hearing about gun shootings. Is it guns or is it something more that is causing all these shootings to occur? Just a question of when or where. What are we doing about it?
- It appears that we cannot expect state or Federal politicians to do things anymore.
- What are we doing? What kind of legacy are we leaving our children?
- Delegates gave Father Agnel applause for providing an excellent presentation.

### **Nomination of Grand Council Officers**

Nomination of Officers for Grand Council: all candidates were referred to Rule #5 on page 17. All nominees accepted their nomination.

- Nick Franceschine #54, GOS, nominated Domenic Carinalli #54, GIS for the office of Grand Inside Sentinel, which was seconded by George Guy #54.
- George Guy #54, nominated Nick Franceschine #54, GOS for the office of Grand Outside Sentinel, which was seconded by Domenic Carinalli #54, GIS.
- Bill Effinger #80, PGD, nominated Bill Avery #80, GM, for the office of Grand Marshal, which was seconded by Steve Ortiz #80.
- Mike Amato #613, GS, nominated Bob Fiorito #613 GD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Paul Larson #32.
- Mike Nelson #80, GP, nominated Matt Nelson #80, GD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Bill Walls #80, GD.

- Jack Albrecht #1, GT, nominated Mario DeVita #1, GD, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Bob Fiorito #613, GD.
- Bob Bartoli #32, PGP, nominated Jim Rohe #612, for the office of Grand Director, which was seconded by Tom Fourie #32, PGP.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, nominated Jack Albrecht #1, GT, for the office of Grand Treasurer, which was seconded by Mario DeVita #1, GD.
- Michael Amato #613, GS, nominated Michael Dimech #613, JPGP, for the office of Grand Secretary, which was seconded by Tom Fourie #32, PGP.
- Cosmo Amato #613, DDGP, nominated Michael Amato #613, GS, for the office of Grand Second Vice President which was seconded by Bob Fiorito #613, GD, and Tom Fourie #32, PGP.
- Eugene Espinola #94, DDGP, nominated Mike Thissen #94, GSVP, for the office of Grand First Vice President which was seconded by Mike Nelson #80, GP and Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP.

(Brother George Terry #32, PGP assumed the responsibilities of the chair at this time).

- Bill Avery #80, GM, nominated Mike Nelson #80, GP, for the office of Grand President which was seconded by Matt Nelson #80, GD, and Gary Frago #80.

Returning to the Chair, Mike Nelson #80, GP declared all the nominations closed.

**MSC** – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP/Frank DiMaggio #59, PGP, moved that the Grand Secretary cast a ballot for all the uncontested offices and they be declared elected by acclamation. (passed unanimously)

Grand President Mike Nelson #80, declared a 15 minute recess, to return at 11:45 a.m.

Grand President Mike Nelson #80, resumed the Session at 11:45 a.m. and acknowledged two comments from the floor:

- a. Brother Mike Sanzeri #59 asked all to keep in mind the plight of the Santa Rosa Fire victim and thanked all the current Grand Council Officers for their service.
- b. Brother Bill McNeany #40, announced that the wife of Brother Carlos Rivas passed away two weeks ago and asked to please keep Carlos and his wife in your prayers.



### **Preliminary Budget Report**

Jack Albrecht #1, GT, presented the proposed Grand Council Operating Budget for 2018-2019 as printed in the Advanced Proceedings on page 53. He reviewed all the accounts of planned expenditures and encouraged members to review the proposed budget for further discussion the next day. He noted that the total budget being proposed was basically the same as the year previous. He asked if there were any questions at this time. Brother Bob Bartoli #32 question the amended report found in the Registration Packet. Brother Albrecht reported that there was an error in the original time period identified and that the amended report was current.

**MSC** – Bill McNeany #40, PGD/Tom Fourie #32, PGP to accept the Grand Treasurer's report for the 2018-2019 Budget.

**Mike Nelson #80, GP recessed the Session at 12:00 noon for lunch.**

**Mike Nelson #80, GP called the Session back to order at 1:00 p.m.**

Mike Nelson #80, GP recessed the Session at 1:01 p.m. in order for the YMI Seminarian Educational Foundation and the YMI Educational Foundation to conduct their respective annual general meetings.

At 2:08 p.m. Mike Nelson #80, GP, called the Session back to order.

### **State of the Institute Report**

Michael Amato #613, GS, on behalf of Committee Chairman Brother Mike Dimech #613, JGP read aloud two proposals presented on pages 79-81 in the Advance Proceedings.

Brother Amato read the first proposal concerning the change of Council delegates to the Grand Council Session. Only one comment was made by delegates present and that comment was in support of the proposal.

Brother Amato read the second proposal concerning financial assistance from Grand Council to Councils sending delegates to the Grand Council Session. There were a few comments on the proposal and they were generally in support of the proposal. Brother Phil Oberst #32, PGP asked what potential impact this proposal would have on the reserve fund if passed and the Grand Directors subsequently approve the funding. He received a response that the estimate would be at \$8000 maximum per year.

The Grand President reminded the delegates that the vote on these two proposals would be by secret ballot at the end of today's Session.

### **Grand Council Committee Reports**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, reviewed the various Grand Council reports presented in the Advance Proceedings. He asked if there were any questions regarding these reports as well as those submitted by the District Deputy Grand Presidents. All delegates had been requested to read these reports prior to the start of the Session. Many of the reports had been referenced in various specific agenda items of the Session. Comments included:

- Under Coordinating Committee Report: Mike Nelson #80, GP reported having a good time at the Bocce Tournament and enjoyed traveling to the Councils to visit.
- Under the Institute Journal Report: Thomas Fourie #32, PGP – announced that the Journal has begun to be sent via e-mail this past year. Councils #1, #2, #8, #32, #40, #54, #80, #94, #137, and #613 are participating thus far. More Councils are welcome to help. The Institute Journal appears on the YMI website. Deadlines for the Journal are always published on page 12 of each issue.
- Under Man and Council of the Year Report: Bob Bartoli #32, PGP reported that there would be a Man of the Year presentation this year at the Grand Banquet. However, there were no applications submitted for Council of the Year – very disappointing to the committee. The application form was printed in the Journal, and appeared on the Website...not a difficult task to accomplish.
- Under Long Range Planning Committee: Matt Nelson #80, GD reported on contacting Bishops in dioceses where the YMI has Councils and that there was no other new information.
- Under the Membership Report: Steve Cresci #32, GD reported on the goal to develop a new flyer. Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP, stated that the organization needs new blood, must keep working on bringing new members. Although it can be hard work, it is worth it and don't give up. Consider starting a new Junior YMI. Phil Fondale #137, DDGP reminded everyone of the \$1500 death benefit as a recruiting tool, and the Grand President encouraged all to approach the wives when looking for new members.
- Under the Organization Report: Mike Amato #613, GS, commented that only a handful of Councils are bringing in new members.
- Under the Reserve Fund: Jack Albrecht #1, GT, discussed the balances in the reserve fund accounts. Investments have been good again this year
- Under the Resolution Report: Nick Franceschine #54, GOS, stated that they would be presented tomorrow.
- Under the Workshop Report: Tom Fourie #32, PGP stated it would be conducted during tomorrow's Session.
- Under District Deputy Grand President Reports: Mike Nelson #80, GP thanked all the District Deputy Grand Presidents for being the eyes and ears of the Grand President. Special recognition was given to Cosmo Amato #613, DDGP for his outstanding report.

- Under Pro Deo Committee Report: Mike Thissen #94, GSVP thanked all those who attended the Red and White Mass, it was a great experience.
- Under Pro Patria Committee Report: Tom Fourie #32, PGP, referred to page 72. Only 16.87% of the membership participated in the selling of raffle tickets this year and the number of essays declined from 1600 to 600-700. Improved leadership is needed for future success in this endeavor.

### **Announcements**

Michael Amato #613, GS reported on his brief meeting with the newly elected members of the Board of Grand Directors earlier in the day. Bob Fiorito #613 was voted in as the Board Chairman for 2018-2019 and Mario DeVita #1 was elected as Vice Chairman for the Board.

Michael Amato #613, GS reminded the Councils present how important it is to update Council information with the Grand Council Office on a regular basis. Tom Fourie #32, PGP conveyed his displeasure that Councils do not make timely updates via the Semi Annual Reports.

### **Distribution of Ballots**

Brother Fourie reviewed the process of the secret ballot vote for the State of the Institute Proposals. Brothers were called forward to receive their ballots and vote. A 2/3 majority was needed for a proposal to pass. Results will be announced tomorrow.

A closing prayer was led by Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC, and Mike Nelson #80, GP, declared a recess at 2:55 p.m. until 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2018.

### **Recess**

## **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20, 2018**

Call to order at 9:03 a.m. by Mike Nelson #80, GP, in the Convention Center Rooms of the El Dorado Hotel and Casino in Reno, Nevada.

### **Opening Ceremonies**

Bill Avery #80, GM, reported that the Council Chamber was properly prepared and all present were entitled to remain.

The Opening Prayer was led by Father Agnel De Heredia #32, GC.

The Pledge of Allegiance we led by Bill Avery #80, GM.

### **Roll Call**

Michael Amato #613, GS, called for the Roll and the Grand President instructed him to carry over the previous day roll call. The results were similar to the roll taken on Tuesday, June 19, 2018. See the official roll sheet listed on previous pages of these minutes.

### **Communications**

There were no additional communications received.

### **Credentials Report**

The Credentials Committee Chairman, Michael Amato #613, GS, announced that another delegate reported in since yesterday and we have a final credential count of 53 received.

### **Election Report**

The Election Committee reported on the secret ballot election for State of the Institute proposals:

*Proposal #1 – Change in the number of Council Delegates to Grand Council Session*

Yes....49 votes

No.....2 votes

The Proposal is adopted.

*Proposal #2 – Grand Council Financial Assistance to Councils sending Delegates to Grand Council Session.*

Yes....49 votes

No.....2 votes

The Proposal is adopted.

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP explained the process of implementing by-law changes, which involves the Grand Council Laws and Revisions Committee.

**MSC** – Tom Fourie #32, PGP/Rev. Agnel de Heredia #32, GC - to have the ballots destroyed. Passed unanimously.

### **Special Committee Appointments for Installation of Grand Officers**

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP, reviewed the appointment of the special committee for the Installation of Grand Officers.

- Installing Officer for the Installation Ceremony – Rev. Agnel De Heredia #32, GC
- Installing Marshal for the Installation Ceremony – Bob Bartoli #32, PGP
- Guardian of the Flag – Phil Oberst #32, PGP

## Workshop

The workshop was conducted by members of the Grand Council Office under the direction of the Business Manager, Br. Thomas Fourie #32, PGP:

- Br. Fourie began by “thanking” all for doing their respective jobs well and it is reflective in getting all the information turned in, and especially thanked all wives.
- The Business Manager commented on several items in the registration packet:
  1. The welcome letter from the Grand President
  2. The map to the Church
  3. Raffle prize list – green sheet
  4. Application for Membership – please make it legible and accurate
  5. Website summary of content items
  6. Donation Form
  7. Beneficiary form
  8. Frank Sinatra event flyer
  9. Bocce Ball Tournament flyer
  10. Pasta Bingo Dinner flyer.
- Brother Fourie spoke to the Election Committee Results and the changes needed to be made to the By-Laws. After the Laws and Revisions Committee review, the changes will be reflected on the Website.
- Br. Fourie noted that Pages 86 and 87 had to be redone after the Advance Proceedings were printed due to missing council reports. Four Councils did not make the deadline. Br. Fourie urged that council make sure that the information submitted on Semi-Annual Reports is accurate and current.
- Page 3 of the Semi Annual Reports is usually not updated...we need this information.
- Membership rosters are not being turned in...12 councils have yet to submit the rosters this year.
- Br. Fourie indicated that Liability Insurance covers Council activities if notification is provided ahead of time, especially if the activity does not take place at the Council’s meeting site. Our new policy took effect on June 18, 2018. One-time events can be covered as long as the Grand Council Office is notified in advance. Insurance certificates have not been made available to the Grand Council Office as of this date.
- The minutes from this Grand Council Session will be approved by the Board of Grand Directors at their next meeting and will be distributed by e-mail to those in attendance and will also be available on the Website.
- We all need to do better on meeting deadlines. Enough said.

Brother Phil Fondale #137, DDGP commented about the time it takes for Secretaries and Treasurers to prepare the information for the Semi Annual Report...he thanked all who do a good job and turn the reports in on time. He also acknowledged the Business Manager for all his efforts...applause from the delegates.

## **New Business**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, asked for any new business. There was none.

## **Sports Report**

Grand President Mike Nelson #80 called upon Michael Sanzeri #59, DDGP, for the final report on the Bowling Tournament. 10 teams played this year with 50 individual bowlers participating. The tournament will take place next year on April 28, 2019 at the same Bowling Alley in Stockton. This year there were many families participating. A good sign for the future. The individual team results will be published in the next Institute Journal. Individual trophies were presented to:

### *Individual Awards*

High Game Scratch – Score of 279 – Jeremy Vitug #59  
High Handicap Game – Score of 280 – Matt Pimentel #80

Team Award – Sebastopol #54 – 3265 pins.

Br. Sanzeri also emphasized that family members are very welcomed to bowl next year.

Brother Bob Fiorito #613, GD covered the reasoning behind holding this year's golf tournament in Santa Rosa after the North Bay Fire. Hole sponsorships raised \$7600 and the raffle raised an additional \$550. Five Councils (#1, #32, #40, #44 and #613) participated totaling 44 golfers. The winners were:

Low Gross – Council #613  
Low Net – Council #1 (1<sup>st</sup>) and Council #44 (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Longest Drive – Council #40  
Closest to the Hole – Council #32.

Brother Fiorito indicated he will chair the event again next year.

Brother Michael Amato #613 (subbing for the Bocce Ball chair Br. Dimech, #613 JGP) referred everyone to page 83 in the Advance Proceedings for the report on the Bocce Ball Tournament. Seventeen teams representing seven Councils participated. A complete article was also published in the Institute Journal following the Tournament last Fall.

## **Fund Raising**

Brother Mike Dimech #613, JGP had previously reported that the Grand Council Pasta Bingo Dinner raised \$800 this past year and Brother Fiorito reported that the Super Bowl Pools brought in \$600 to the Grand Council Treasury.

### **Adoption of the 2018-2019 Budget**

Completed the previous day.

Mike Nelson #80, GP called for a brief recess at 10:00 a.m.

Mike Nelson #80, GP called the Session back in order at 10:10 a.m.

### **Grand Council Officers' Summary Reports**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, referred to the Grand Officers Reports which began with his report on page 29 of the Advance Proceedings. He referred the Brothers to read these comprehensive reports contained in the Advance Proceedings and if there were any questions to please speak to the author of that report. He also asked that each delegate share these reports with the Brothers of their Council. The Grand President spoke about being flexible for the new YMI year and that after speaking to his wife and family, will serve a second year. He once again emphasized the getting wives and families involved in the YMI is key to new membership. He was frustrated that he did not make it to all the Councils this year, but does want to improve the lines of communication for everyone. He thanked all for their trust in him.

Michael Thissen #94, GSVP thanked everyone again for the Red and White Mass. He also asked to please keep him in your prayers for his work for next year.

Bob Fiorito #613, GD referred to his report and summarized by saying it was a new and challenging experience.

Jack Albrecht #1, GT commented on the new spreadsheet reflecting income for the year, he spoke to using caution on how we use the reserve funds, the death benefit expenses and how much we are using just for postage.

Michael Amato #613,GS referred to his reports and that photos of both golf and bowling will be on the Website. He reminded Councils to provide information about their activities to the Website so he can advertise these types of events. Presently he receives information from Council #2, #8, #32, #40, #80 and #613.

### **Resolutions**

Nick Franceschine #54, GD, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee read the three resolutions prepared for this year:

*1. Resolution for Bishop William Justice #32, on his golden anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.*

**MSC** – Nick Franceschine #54, GOS/George Terry #32, PGP to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

*2. Resolution for Mary Beth Wilson for her work and effort on the YMI Website.*

**MSC** – Nick Franceschine #54, GOS/Michael Amato #613, GS to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

*3. Resolution for Nancy Bartoli for her many years of behind the scenes work to support Officers and Grand Council of the YMI*

**MSC** – Nick Franceschine #54, GOS/Bob Bartoli #32, PGP to accept and present the resolution. Unanimously approved.

### **Report on the 2019 Grand Council Session**

Tom Fourie #32, PGP stated that the committee is still looking into possible sites for the 134<sup>th</sup> Grand Council Session. Factors which must be included are dates, costs, distance traveled, churches, wives etc. A contract needs to be negotiated and the goal is to have a decision by July 28, 2018. It is likely to be the week after Father's Day next year.

### **Report on the 2020 Grand Council Session**

Not addressed at this time.

### **Charity Box Distribution**

Mike Nelson #80, GP, reminded everyone that the 50/50 raffles will go towards the Santa Rosa efforts for the fire victims. (Breaking News: Following the Grand Banquet and final drawing, \$1245 was realized for the Santa Rosa Council)

### **Special Presentation**

George Terry #32, PGP presented Mike Nelson #80, GP with his YMI Official pocket insignia, the Official indication of a Grand President of the Young Men's Institute. All delegates stood and loudly applauded Brother Mike Nelson for his service.

### **Presentation of Grand President Elect**

As Mike Nelson #80 is returning for a second year as Grand President, he immediately went into discussing his plans for next year and distributed his Program for 2018-2019 (Part 2 of his previous year's program – Returning to Our Roots). He reflected on what



he accomplished this part year and what he still wants to complete next year. The Delegates warmly applauded his devotion to the YMI and stepping forward for the next twelve months.

### **Presentation and Installation of District Deputy Grand Presidents**

Mike Nelson #80, Grand President, read aloud the names and the duties of the District Deputy Grand Presidents covering the YMI territories this year. The District Deputies are working for the Grand President. Those present included: Cosmo Amato #613; Phil Fondale #137, PGD; Michael Sanzeri #59, PGO; Steven May #40; Alex Schmitt #8, PGD; Tommy Figueira #573 for James Souza #573; Jim Rohe #612 for Scott Vogelgesang #612; Eugene Espinola #94; and Richard O'Brien #2.

**MSC** – Thomas Fourie #32, PGP/Michael Amato #613, GS, to accept the nominated Brothers (as listed in the Grand President's Program as District Deputy Grand Presidents with all the responsibilities and privileges as stated in the Grand Council Constitution and By-Laws). Unanimously passed.

Brother Nelson #80, GP, initiated his new District Deputies and they took their Oath of office.

### **Good of the Order**

- Tom Fourie #32, PGP requested that all nametags and Grand Officers regalia be returned. The regalia will be submitted for the Installation later at Church.
- Tommy Figueira #573 spent three days with the Grand President this year and wants to show him the new land on his island from the volcano eruption. He also thanked Br. Tom Fourie for all his help this year in helping with the changes necessary in his Council.
- Bob Fiorito #613, GD, will once again be chairing YMI participation in the Italian Heritage Parade in San Francisco and all are invited October 7, 2018 to be present.
- Phil Oberst #32, PGP noticed that his address is Carmel Avenue and not Carmel Street.
- Nick Francesching #54, GOS invited everyone to the BBQ at Council #54 on August 22, 2018...the Official Visit of the Grand President to the District
- Michael Amato #613, GS invited all to their Council Picnic on August 19<sup>th</sup> in San Bruno
- George Guy #54, First Time Delegate was shocked with all the work and efforts of the Grand Council..it was amazing to hear and learn about. He

expressed regret over the decline in membership, but he will do his best at bringing in new members.

- Richard O'Brien #2, First Time Delegate appreciated being here
- Angel Vera #40, First Time Delegate felt great to meet everyone, he feels better organized for being Council President, he urged recruitment within Council #40, will have a pow-wow about how we can keep the group going.
- Darrell Fonseca #99, First Time Delegate stated we need communication to be a two-way street.
- Michael Sanzeri #59, DDGP – feels more of an upswing this year as Grand Council has set a foundation for all to build on.
- Manuel Drumonde #44, PGP congratulated all the new delegates, invited them to his Council's picnic on August 26, 2018 as they are teaming up with the YLI for an entire parish picnic.
- Matt Nelson #80, GD thinks picnics are a great way for recruiting new members and quoted JFK to get Brothers to help the YMI Board.
- Jim Mullen #573, PGP thanked everyone for the increase in 14 new members for our total membership, do new things, thanked everyone for signing the card for Br. Enea and we should dress appropriately for church.

### **Closing Prayer and Adjournment**

The closing prayer was led by Father Agnel De Heredia #32, GC.

Grand President Mike Nelson #80 adjourned the 133rd Grand Council Session at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Amato #613, GS

Thomas Fourie #32, PGP  
Business Manager

Minutes approved by the Board of Grand Directors on July 28, 2018